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Here is some information. We will need to prepare information for Sam to present. More shortly

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Subject: UPDATE- October 13 briefing for House Energy and Commerce Committee re: EPA's hurricane response efforts

Good afternoon Sam, Catherine and Trey,

Thank you for agreeing to participate in next week's meeting with House Energy and Commerce Committee. Here is some additional information:

What: House Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Environment Member Briefing on State and Federal Hurricane Response Efforts

When: Friday October 13, 2017, 10:30am – 12:30pm ET
Where: Rayburn House Office Building- room 2123

Who: EPA regions 2, 4, 6 + State Participants, House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment Members (*see list of participants below*)

Purpose: The House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on the Environment will be holding a bipartisan briefing for Committee Members and staff, followed by a Subcommittee hearing in November, on the government's response to public health and environmental challenges presented by recent hurricanes.

EPA is invited to discuss impacts to air, land and drinking water (note that this Committee does not have jurisdiction for wastewater), progress toward remedying any damages, a plan to respond to such remaining damage, and any challenges to remediation. Recognizing the nature of federal-state relationship outlined in EPA's statutes, the briefing will include state representatives from TX and FL.

Format: This will be an informal discussion/roundtable with the Subcommittee Members (full Committee members from affected states are also invited), with the above EPA and state reps. No formal written statements are expected, and the meeting will not be on the record and there will be no press.

Chairman John Shimkus will welcome everyone and then immediately turn to EPA and state reps for a 3-5 minute (each) status update.

Sam Coleman, will go first for a Region 6 update (via VTC from TX), followed by Texas-specific Member Q&A. Then Regions 2 and 4 and TX and FL reps will provide their overviews, followed by Q&A from Members. Topic areas of interest identified by Committee:

- solid/haz waste disposal sites;
- status of Superfund sites;
- drinking water systems (wastewater is not in Committee's jurisdiction but may come up);
- RMP facilities;
- air releases.

Background from Committee: The recent series of intense Hurricanes making landfall in the United States have numerous raised questions about impact, response, and long-term prospects of the communities along the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coasts, Florida and Atlantic Coast, and the territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. There is significant Member interest in understanding the impact on these local communities' infrastructure because of damage from the storms; in particular, the air quality impacts, the impacts on facilities with Response Management Plans, the drinking water needs of the impacted communities, and the status of solid and hazardous waste disposal facilities and superfund sites. In the near future, the Subcommittees of the Energy and Commerce Committee will be holding hearings on the hurricanes through

the lens of their jurisdictions. The Committee is in need of meaningful updates regarding the environmental consequences of the storms and the response of EPA and the impacted States and this Member briefing will provide much needed updates and set the stage for the Environmental Subcommittee hearing.

PARTICIPANTS

EPA + State Reps:

- Peter Lopez, Regional Administrator EPA Region 2, Catherine McCabe, Deputy Regional Administrator
- Trey Glenn, Regional Administrator EPA Region 4
- Sam Coleman, Acting Regional Administrator EPA Region 6 (via video-conference)
- Noah Valenstein, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Bryan Shaw, Chairman, Texas Department of Environmental Quality

House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment Members:

- [John Shimkus, Chairman - Illinois](#)
- [Paul Tonko, Ranking Member – New York](#)
- [David McKinley, Vice Chairman – West Virginia](#)
- [Joe Barton - Texas](#)
- [Tim Murphy, Pennsylvania](#)
- [Marsha Blackburn - Tennessee](#)
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- [Richard Hudson – North Carolina](#)
- [Kevin Cramer – North Dakota](#)
- [Tim Walberg - Michigan](#)
- [Buddy Carter - Georgia](#)
- [Greg Walden, Ex Officio - Oregon](#)
- [Raul Ruiz - California](#)
- [Scott Peters - California](#)
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- [Diana DeGette - Colorado](#)
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- [Tony Cárdenas - California](#)
- [Debbie Dingell - Michigan](#)
- [Doris Matsui - California](#)
- [Frank Pallone – New Jersey](#)

Full Committee Members from affected states who may attend:

- [Michael Burgess - Texas](#)
- [Gus Bilirakis - Florida](#)
- Steve Scalise - Louisiana
- [Gene Green - Texas](#)
- [Kathy Castor - Florida](#)

Please let me know any questions.

Thank you,

Carolyn

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